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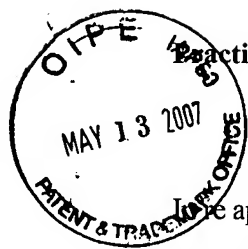
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1. Preliminary Statements, inclusive of Certification Statement; 2 pages
2. Form PTO/SB/08A (substitute for Form PTO-1449); 1 page
3. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
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Section 1. Preliminary statements, inclusive of Certification Statement

An initial Information Disclosure Statement was submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office with the filing of the subject U.S. Patent Application No. 10/754,323, on January 9, 2004.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, accompanied by a European Search Report in a corresponding European application, was submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 31, 2006.

Another Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, accompanied by a copy of a European Patent Office Action issued October 5, 2006 and Response dated November 30, 2006 in corresponding European Patent Application No. 04026847.6, and a copy of Letters Patent issued in a corresponding New Zealand application (now Patent No. 536057), was submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 6, 2006.

Applicant now submits a further Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, for the Examiner's information, accompanied by the following:

1. An Office Action issued March 2, 2007 by the European Patent Office in European Patent Application No. 04026847.6, a foreign counterpart application to the above U.S. Patent Application No. 10/754,323.
2. Applicant's Response, dated April 10, 2007, to the European Patent Office Action.

Certification Statement: I certify that the documents attached hereto were sent to our office and received by us not more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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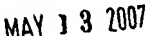
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In reply to the communication of March 2, 2007.

New claims 1 to 4 are filed, on which the further examination procedure is to be based. The wording of claim 1 has been substantially amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion pointed out in the communication identified above. However, to avoid a repetition the feature "from the base (41) of the connector (21, 22)...." is not included in the characterizing part of the new claim 1, since this feature is already mentioned in the preamble of claim 1 as "... locking latch (40) being integral with and pivoted from a base (41) in the locking connector (21)....". Further, the wording of claim 2 has been brought into conformity with the amended wording of claim 1. A basis for these amendments can be found in the specification (see page 8, last paragraph).

Further, an amended description page 3 is filed, which has been adapted with respect to the modified wording of the characterizing part of claim 1. Also, an amended figure 2a is filed, in which the previously not presented reference sign 43 is shown. An unambiguous disclosure of this amendment can be found in the description of the invention (see last paragraph on page 8).